(c) whether there is any vacancy of the Member of the Board which has not been filled up so far; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The present composition of the Board of Directors of LIC is as under:—

1. Chairman, LIC
2. Managing Director
3. Managing Director
4. Special Secretary (Insurance), Ministry of Finance—Government Nominee
5. Chairman, Industrial Development Bank of India
6. Chairman, Unit Trust of India
7. Chairman, General Insurance Corporation of India; and

8-14 Non-Official Directors—*Vacant.*

(b) There are three Functional Directors, four Ex-officio Nominee Directors and seven Non-Official Directors.

(c) (i) Chairman, LIC

(ii) Seven vacancies of Non-Official Directors.

(d) The reasons for vacancies of Directors on the Board are retirement of Functional and Nominee Directors and for completion of procedural formalities for Non-Official Directors.

Agencies to SC/ST for booking Indian Airlines tickets

3143. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have promised to ensure reservation to SC & ST candidates even in the allotment of Indian Airlines agencies for distribution of tickets;

(b) if so, what is the number of SC/ ST who have allotted Indian Airlines agencies during the financial year 1991-92; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The agents of Indian Airlines may either be firm or individuals. In metropolitan cities only agents who hold IATA approval are appointed. In other places also, with a view to ensuring a better standard of service to passengers, Indian Airlines has fixed some minimum requirements or its agents, like adequate experience, infrastructure, *financial* background and bank guarantees. SC/ ST applicants who fulfil these requirements are also considered for appointment.

Induction of Boeing aircraft in Air India and Indian Airlines

3144. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going for induction of new Boeing aircraft in Air India and Indian Airlines fleet;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) what is duration of flying hours of each aircraft;

(d) whether Government are undergoing negotiation with other aircraft manufacturing company other than Boeing company; and

(e) what aircraft is comparatively more economical and convenient for Indian Air companies and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Air India will acquire four Boeing 747-400 aircraft during 1993-94 at an estimated cost of Rs. 2333.33 crores. Indian Airlines has no plans for acquiring any new Boeing aircraft in the near future.

(c) This can be quantified only after the aircraft are actually deployed on the network of Air India.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Suitability of the aircraft from the economical as well as operational/ maintenance angle is determined, before Air India/Indian Airlines make the final choice of aircraft for their fleet. Suitability of an aircraft is determined by such factors as routes to be operated, no. of passengers to be carried, availability of 'in house' maintenance facilities etc.

Vayudoot flights

3145. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to the UnStarred Questions 3636 and 1161 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1992 and 1st December, 1992, respectively, and state:

(a) what are the routes of the country on which Vayudoot services are under operation; and

(b) what are the reasons that the Vayudoot service is running irregularly between Bombay and Nanded?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A statement indicating routes of Vayudoot service currently under operation is apended. *[See* below]

(b) Due to operational reasons Vayudoot services on the route Bombay-Pune-Nanded and back have been adversely affected during the last few months.

Statement

Routes operated by Vayudoot

S. No.	Routes	Frequency per week
	Western Region	
1.	Bombay-Pune-Bombay	13 Flights
2.	Bombay-Rajkot-Kandla-Rajkot-Bombay	3 Flights
3.	Bombay-Keshod-Porbandar-Bombay	4 Flights
4.	Bombay-Kolhapur-Belgaum-Bombay	7 Flights
5.	Bombay-Pune-Nanded-Pune-Bombay	3 Flights
6.	Bombay-Diu-Bombay	3 Flights
	Northern Region	
1.	Delhi-Lucknow-Delhi	6 Flights
2.	Delhi-Chandigarh-Kulu-Chandigarh-Delhi	7 Flights
3.	Delhi-Ludhiana-Chandigarh-Delhi	6 Flights
4.	Delhi-Dehradun-Delhi	6 Flights